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S<sup>t</sup> GAMALIEL DUDLEY'S

Letter to His Highnesse

PRINCE RVPERT,

From NEWARK, 4. March. 1644.

BEING  
AN EXACT RELATION OF  
S<sup>t</sup> MARM. LANGDALES

March Northward; As also the great  
Victory obtained by Him, over the

Lord Fairfax near Pontefract,

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ΕΛΛΑΣ ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ

*Principles of Leverage and Profitability, Chapter*

May it please your Highnesse,

**T**He zeale of our dutyes at once unto His Majesties Service, and the reliefes of our distressed Friends in *Pontefract*, being, by the blessing of God, seconded with successses of happinesse beyond our greatest hopes, I was commandedy  
Sir Marmaduke Langdale, to give unto your Highnesse at present a particular Accompt of each occurring circumstance in this our Expedition.

On Sunday the 23<sup>d</sup> of February, we began our march from *Banbury* towards *Daventry*, where we had Intelligence of an uncertain number of Horse and Foot that attended therto abouts with designe to affront vs in our march; but Sir *William Compton* marching before vs with his Horse, was onely looked on by them at a good distance, and after the encounter of a little skirmishing, they perceiving the rest of our Horse advancing towards them, wheeled off in great disorder, and Sir *William Compton* had the execution of them in their flight very neare *Northampton* Towne. Their particular loss in this defeat, I presume your Highnesse has already received account of at full from *Banbury*.

On Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> we continued our March to *Harborough* without any opposition or sight of Enemy, but here we were certainly advertised of a conjunction made that night of all the Horse of *Leicester*, *Derby*, *Nottingham*, *Graunham*, *Staniford*, *Burleigh* and *Rockingham*, associated under the conduct of Colonell *Rosser*, (and then in present motion) drawn out, but upon what designe, severally reported: untill the next day being Tuesday the 25. marching from *Harborough* towards *Melton-Mowbray*, we were at full assyred; for approaching neare the Towne, we discovered some Horse and Dragooneers in it, and upon another passe of the same water in a faire Meade, about halfe a mile from the Towne, their main strength (as we judged them) being neare 1000 in all, were drawn up to oppose us (as Sir *Marm. Langdale* did conceive) at the passage, be-

ing a place of very great advantage, for which purpose he was instantantly putting himselfe into a posture to endeavour to force the passe, but their eagernesse to fight saved us that labour; for by that time that we were well in order drawn up, and had gained the brow of the Hill on the South side of Melton, the Enemy was advanced through the Towne to meet us, and in a gallant fury gave us a bold charge upon the very ground chosen by our selves to fight upon; the encounter continued hot and sharp a good while, with several various appearances of successe on both sides; but at length they were wholly routed, many of their Commanders slaine, many hurt, and all the body scattered unto their severall Garrisons, the fatigue of our long March, and the night intervening, prevented our very farre pursuit of them in a strange Country, but we flew upon the place where ~~we~~ were, and took almost sic many Prisoners and fourre Comours of Horse. The losse we sustained was small, only Sir John Girlington and Captain Grafton, two gallant Gentlemen, both slaine in the first charge, and some few wounded. One Captain Harker held a Garrison for the Rebels at Sir Erasmus de Fauconbury's house in Kirby, within a mile of the place we fought upon, who being with his Horse and Dragooneers totally routed in this battaille, went back in despaire to his Garrison and burnt it, and then fled with such as would follow him, being but two in all, in the night to Leicester, a common Parliament practice, to set a house on fire, and then to runne away by the light of it. The pursuit of the Enemy being done, and the pilage of the field gathered by our men, wherein was good store both of Horse-weas Armes and Muskets.

Sir Marm. Langdale rallying all his Troops together again in order, continued his March that night beyond Belvoir Castle, and the next day, being Wednesday the 26, we advanced four miles beyond Newark, at which time the Enemy with some Foot from Lincoln, Welbeck, and some other adjacent Garrisons, and with eight Regiments of Horse, and one of Dragooneers had besieged Newark House, a Garrison holden by Newark Forces some miles from the Towne. But having gained intelligence of our advance, and success had against Rossiter, (their admited Champion,) they instantly deserted the

attempt, and retreated in great disorder unto *Roxford*; from whence the night following they fled in as much scare and dis-  
traction unto *Doncaster*.

On Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup>, the Governor of *Newark* assisted us with 400 Foot and about 400 Horse under the Conduct of his Lieutenant-Governour, which joyned to us, we marched that night beyond *Turford*, not disturbed either in march or Quarters by any Enemy, and the next day being Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>, we advanced towards *Doncaster*; about *Rossington*-Bridge, three miles from the Towne, our Forlorn Partie discov-  
er'd some appearance of an Enemy, but still as we approach-  
ed with our body they retreated, this night we expected they  
would have disputed our passage over the River *Dam*, but they  
only made a *bousiness* there, and left us the Towne of *Den-  
saster* to Quarter in that night.

The next morning, being Saturday the first of *March*, we drew early into the field, where immediately Sir *Marmaduke Langdale* put the Army into the posture of Battaille he did intend to fight in, and prepared the Souldier with a knowledge of such difficulties as they should expect this day to encounter with, and therfore to goe armed with the constancy of unlimi-  
ted resolution; it being a businesse that was at first no leſſe dan-  
gerous to undertake, then it was now desperate to decline; The  
newes was entertained by a welcome from the Souldiers that  
echo'd out aloud their joyfull acclamations. This propheticall  
Omen prefiguring clearly the happy consequence of their ensu-  
ing Victory.

We marched without sight of Enemy, till we came neare *Wenbridge*, above three miles short of *Pontefract*, where about 2000 Horse, and 500 Dragooneers of the Enemies, attended that place, as much as possibly they could, to impede the speed of our course that way, but without much danger in the dispute, we forc'd the Passe, but yet they so retarded our march, as the besiegers had gain'd time to be all drawne together both Horse and Foot in order, being in number about 2500 Foot, and neare 4000 Horse and Dragooneers, all the strength of *Englis*; that possibly the Lord *Fairfax* could draw together in the *North*, excepting the Forces that *Meldrum* lay withall before *Scarbo-*

ring, and Sir John Sturts before Sandys, which he himselfe in Person came this morning unto them, with two Regiments of Horse, and 500 Commanded Musketeers.

Betweene fourteene and five in the afternoone, we gained the Top of the Hill over against the Castle, their Army standing all drawn up in the bottome; and now we thought we viewid them with the fincy of that great Capteine when he first encountered Elephants, *Tandem per animus peritulum vide*, a good advantage was it to us, that our Foremost Parties, seconded with severall Divisions of our Horse, had beaten in that great Body of their Van-carriers in such disorder into their Main Battaille, making that opportunity with a continued charge, this had me time to recover themselves into any secked order, and though the sustinance of the Action gave no leaue for each Division of our Horse to observe its proper time and place of their issue, ralld orders to Charge in, yet in the whole it was so fully done, as that there was not one Body of them all, but did four or five severall times that day act their parts with very gallant Execution.

The Fight continued without a cleare Victory, at the least three hours, untill there was no left on our Party standing in order to Charge withall, more then the small Bodies, consisting of above 120 in each Body, which with some Officers and Gentlemen together rallyd, gave a seasonable Charge to the rest of the Enemies strenght, the Castle at the same instant making a gallant Sally of 200 Musketeers, who fell in the Rente of the Enemies Foot, our owne Foot firing upon them at the same time in their Flanck, and this totally cleared the Field. We followed the Execution six or seven miles three severall wayes, at the Enemys field; A shorrt time (with a Reserve of Foot, and Morgans Dragoones, and one peice of Cannon) they endeavoured to defend the Passe at Ferrybridge, but were soon beaten off, lost their Cannon, and in the pursuit their Carriages, with 34 double Barrells of Powder, and a proportionable quantity of Match and Baller, and much other spoyle. There were slain about 300 upon the place, and many drowned in the River, which water they took as nimly as if it had been their naturall Element, as yet we have not had time to fish for them betwixt

bawint 7 and 800 Prisoners, of which 44 Officers of quality,  
in Colours of Foot, being all they had there, and not one excepted  
with their Armes, and 26 Standards of Horse, many of their  
chiche Officers both of Horse and Foot slain, as Colonel Armes,  
Colonel Thorne, Colonel Malmesbury, and many more, whose  
names I have not, all the Foot Armes we took, to the number  
of 300 at the least, and many Horse Armes. *To Dene Law.*  
*Am not I Dene, you not, &c.*

One remarkable circumstance I cannot omit to acquaint  
you Highnesse with; They had some few dayes before GLYSDON,  
that they would take the Castle with a Stratagem, which  
should be thus: They would make as if reliife were comming  
to them, and so they would seem to draw all off, as to fight the Ar-  
mies, leaving onely an Ambuscade in the Towne, and then  
they would skirmish together, and seem defeated by the Rele-  
vans, and so retreat disorderly to horse, in expectation the  
Castle should make a Sally, and then their Ambuscade should  
surprise them. But I hope they were now taught the danger of  
joining with evill Friends, and will hereafter leave such mock-  
ing: At our first advance into the Country, it was generally  
reported, that your Highnesse was come in Person, whereupon  
struck a great terror into the Enemy and Courage into our  
Soldiers, as had your Highnesse transmited some of your  
Royall Spirit into their hearts, and your active strength into  
their Armes, scorning to be guilty of any Act that they  
should have had cause to have blusht, had your Highnesse  
looked on.

About two of the clock in the morning, all parties that had  
been in pursuit of the Enemy being returned, we drew into  
Quarters to refresh, and about eight of the clock in the morn-  
ing on Sunday the second of March, Sir Marm. Langdale sent  
parties out into the Country, which brought in plente of all  
sorts of provisions for the Castle, and then appoynted a Ren-  
dezvous the next morning. In the interim he was advertised  
that Roffitter with all his broken Troops, rallyed, and others  
joyned to them, and 300 Dragoones, was come to Doncaster  
with intention to joyn with Fairfax, wherupon we imme-  
diately Marched towards them, but they having secured the  
Bridge,

Bridge Sir M<sup>r</sup>. L<sup>e</sup>lande diverted his course over a river at Oldmark neare Koberham, and thence we continued our March ( only halting long few hours by the way to refresh) without any trouble at all, to Newark, whereabout we are present. Counter d. I can assure Your Highnesse that the present effects of this Expedition are these.

Besides that our comming was highly seasonable; it being almost the very Criticall instant of the Custerie necessity, when *Burroughs*, *Bishop*, and *Skipton* were all besieged, and they were forced to draw off upon this occasion, and are now so thralled that they cannot suddenly be in any probable condition to begin new siedges hastily, besides the Country is so disengaged from their party, that whereas the Lord *Pembroke* had intended to have raised an Army of 90000 Horse and Foot, for the Sosome to move into the South Marchall, and had prepared his busyness in great forwardness, he will by this busyness doubtless receive a good diversion, the Countrey gathering declining him, and whencever your Highnesse shall be pleased to take this Countrey into your particular care, he will chalked out unto Your Highnesse a ready tract for to raise the same levie in their own way, whiche that Your Highnesse may have a speedy opportunity to undertake, next the continuall of your Highnesse happiness and honoure, shall be the daily Praler of

*May it please your Highnesse,*

*Yours and my dearest friend, Sir Edward Bishop*

*Newark this 4. of March, 1644.*

*devoted of all that serve your Highnesse*

**G A M D V D D E Y .**

**M**y selfe not one Officer ( God be thanked) and but very few commone Soldiers.

**F I N I S H .**